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FHA Gains Members

The recent meeting of FHA showed a gain of twenty members. Plans were made which promise a prosperous year for the club. The officers for this year are: Shirley Keplinger, president, Sandra Owens, vice-president, Raydene Chisum, secretary, Mary Ingram, treasurer, Maxine Lyall, parliamentarian, Iris Frazier, degree chairman, and Kay Fisher, reporter.

Initiation for new members was held September 27. The girls were entertained by Lois Bradley and Eleanore Waldron who presented a short comedy skit. Marjorie Hall played her accordion while refreshments were served. After that the girls danced and played musical chair. It was reported that the girls had an excellent time.

The scheduled activities that are known now are:

Pot Luck Dinner —

A formal dinner service that is to be held in the Grade School Cafeteria on October 7 for the election of a Chapter Mother. The mothers of the F. H. A. members will be the guests.

District Conference —

A meeting of F. H. A. members from Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath counties at Crater High School on Saturday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A bus will take the Phoenix girls to participate in the program.

Sweet Heart's Ball —

A formal dance which has become an annual event for the school now. It is to be held on February 14.

Christmas Basket —

A box that the club members

fill each year for a needy family at Christmas time. The club hopes to make a quilt this year. We hope to have a bigger basket this year than last.

A cake walk, skating party, and a quilting bee are also planned.

Handbook Published

Phoenix High School has published a new hand book for the first time in its history. The hand book was produced with the thought that it could assist students with their questions and problems concerning school life.

Mr. Frederick Shepard, the former vice-principal now in Syria, Mr. William Ruck, vice principal, and Mr. E. R. James, superintendent, contributed a great deal of time and effort to the handbook so that it might be more beneficial to the student body.

Members of the committee were Dorothy Bean, Dave Kelsoe, Bob Webster, Raydene Chisum, Jim Korth, Jack Cook, Betty Harris, and Audrey Hite.

Enrollment Hits New High

Phoenix has hit an all-time "High" with an enrollment of two hundred and eight. Last year there were one hundred and sixty-six.

The freshmen lead again this year with sixty-one members, an increase of nine members over that of last year. The sophomores come in second with fifty-nine, a gain of fourteen over last year. Third honors go to the junior class with forty-six, an increase of six over that of last year. The mighty seniors are in the minority with thirty-nine members; however this number represents an increase of thirteen over that of the previous year.

The sophomores have gained four members during the summer. The juniors gained only one, but the seniors lost one of their clan.

Bean Presides At Council Meet

Important details concerning Homecoming Day were the main items of business discussed at the first Student Council meeting held September 30, 1954. President Ronald Bean called the meeting to order and appointed a publicity committee for the homecoming celebration. Members of the committee are Ray Dahl, Bob Webster, and Bill Madden.

Jim Korth, vice president. Don Wallace, freshman representative, Raydene Chisum, treasurer, and Audrey Hite, secretary, are members of a committee which will form the new constitution.

Members of the council are Ronald Bean, president Jim Korth, vice president Audrey Hite, secretary; Raydene Chisum, treasurer; class representatives, Don Wallace, Betty Cook, Bill Madden, and Bob Webster; and class presidents, Betty Rupp, Llewellyn Witte, Ray Dahl, and Tom Griffiths.

LAYOUT OF PIRATE LOG IS WELL UNDERWAY

The 1955 Pirate Log is well under way through the leadership of Raydene Chisum, editor. Work has already begun on the layout and planning of several of the fifty-six pages. Write-ups on the sports are to be done by Audrey Hite, sports editor, while Doris Maesse will be feature editor. Much of the advertising has already been accomplished under the direction of Nancy Hammers, business manager. The photographs this year are being taken by Bob Webster, photography editor, assisted by Dave Kelsoe.

Mr. Shepard Writes From Syria

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grigg recently received the following letter from our former faculty member, Mr. Frederick Shepard who is now living in Aleppo, Syria.

Dear Beth and Art,

We've been here almost two weeks but have made little progress toward getting settled because our freight has been delayed and all our things (except those in the suitcase we brought with us) have yet to come. We know the freight was on the ship with us, but there seems to be a lot of red-tape involved in getting things across the Lebanon-Syria border. Originally we were to have come ashore at Latakia, Syria, instead of Beirut, Lebanon, but the waves were too rough at Latakia (they have to unload on lighters and there is no sheltered water). So here we sit and wait in an apartment with large, stone-floored rooms and very high ceilings (about 15 feet). This is the style here — presumably to keep cool during the hot summers, but how we'll warm this amazing place in the winters (which I gather are about the same as in Phoenix — perhaps a little shorter) is a question. With almost no furniture around sounds echo like the main concourse of Grand Central Station and we don't use the typewriter much because it sounds like a rush-job in a boiler factory.

Classes start here in nine days. I am going to have a

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The whole staff will soon be working hard to meet the first deadline which is November 2.

Calendar...

Oct. 7 — F.H.A. Potluck Dinner.

Oct. 8 — I. V. game, Here. Homecoming.

Oct. 14 — National School Assembly 2:45.

Oct. 15 — Ashland game. Here.

Oct. 18 — County Teachers Institute — School closed.

Oct. 22 — Eagle Point game. There.

Oct. 22 — End of First six Weeks.

Oct. 29 — Glendale game. There.

School Journalists To Attend Conference

The Oregon Scholastic Press Conference will be held at the University of Oregon, October 22 and 23, 1954.

Registration will begin at noon on Oct. 22. There will be two discussion groups in the afternoon followed by a banquet and entertainment in the evening. Round tables and panels are scheduled from 9:30 to 11:00 Saturday morning. After attending closing ceremonies at a luncheon, the delegates and advisers will be given free tickets

to attend the Oregon - San Jose State football game.

The O. S. P. C. will feature top speakers this year, among them Jay Eyerma, photographer for Life magazine, and Geneva Foss, supervisor of Publications, Spokane Public Schools.

Delegates from Phoenician and Pirate Log Staffs will be sent, accompanied by Miss Neville, annual adviser, and Mrs. Mabel Sims, adviser of the Phoenician staff.

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Signs of our Times

The new school year has brought many newcomers, some new teachers and best of all — school spirit. The classes showed good spirit during the competition yells before the Henley game. Such yelling bolstered the team and the school's spirit. The desks and school equipment have been kept in good condition. The halls have remained clean during the day. Students driving around the school have been more careful and courteous.

This is the start of a promising year full of school spirit. All students have contributed to the good start and we are sure to progress if everyone continues to give his loyalty and respect to the school and its functions.

—A. H.

Americans Pledge Anew

For generations, school children throughout the United States have learned to pledge allegiance to our nation's flag. This pledge has become imbedded deeply in our minds. Now with the changing times it seems that some of our traditions must also undergo a change.

An act of Congress has changed the pledge to read "One nation indivisible under God."

Our opinion is that the change is for the better, for our nation was founded under God by our pilgrim fore fathers and our nation has grown under God down to the present time.

Today the youth of the country plays an important part in deciding the outcome of our country's future. To be sure that we are thought of respectfully by other peoples when our generation is in its prime, let us all pledge allegiance to the country under God not by voice only but by helping in our school, our church, and our community.

"We pledge allegiance to the flag and to the country for which it stands: one nation, indivisible under God, with liberty and justice for all."

—A.H.

CHURCH GROUPS OFFER ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS

Do you belong to a youth group? Really belong?

First we'll tell you the aims of the young people that do belong to the church youth groups

The first aim is to tell others of Christ. (We as young people are acquainted with material things; but to make our life a happy one, we need, along with these material blessings, spiritual blessings. That is what the youth groups try to make known.

The second aim is to prepare the young people for tomorrow, for we have all heard the saying: the young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow.

The third aim is to give decent recreation for everyone. He will gain spiritual food besides the wonderful fellowship we have together.

Some of the activities that the youth groups have are skating parties, basketball, and picnics. Other activities such as the choir, Sunday night youth

Mr. Shepard Writes Phantom Voice From Syria

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course in biology for college sophomores (the graduating class here) who are planning to go into medicine. It will be 3 lectures a week with the 4 hours of lab work under the direction of another teacher. Mary Alice and I will both be taking 3 classes a day in Arabic language if it can be worked out, so that will occupy most of our time this first year. Everyone here has been good to us, although it's hard not to have our things so we can get settled. Aleppo is a fascinating city with lots of color. We'll write more about it after we get to know it better.

We are anxious to hear how things are going in Phoenix, I expect school is well underway now. Please share this letter with our other friends there, and tell all of them that we depend heavily on letters to boost our morale.

Please tell the students that the suitcase has been wonderful to have. Mary Alice has a matching one which we bought with the money you all gave us at that dinner in the cafeteria.

The trip across the ocean and through the Mediterranean was fine although there were times when keeping an eye on Peggy and Susan got rather tedious. There was no nursery aboard, although the other accommodations were fine. The ship is quite small and carries only about one hundred passengers. We took turns going ashore so that we could leave the children aboard. I saw something of Barcelona, Spain and Mary Alice took tours in Marseilles and Naples. There wasn't much to see in Alexandria — some of the other passengers took a tour to Cairo, but it was quite expensive and we decided that since the pyramids have been around awhile they can wait a little longer until the children are older.

Susan is after me to let her finish this letter. She often asks about her friends in Phoenix and we think of you often.

Please let us hear from you.

Affectionately,
 FRED SHEPARD.

P.S. We've just heard that our freight has arrived in Aleppo. That's good news. It will be interesting to see what kind of shape it's in.

meeting, singspiration, caroling, and visiting are as much fun as these outside activities.

In these different church groups there are various activities to choose from. The aims of all church youth groups are the same.

The plan is to have the youth group in every church grow. Will you help?

Hello, Mr. Ruck? . . . I wanted to ask you about that assignment you gave today. You see, I have a terrible, pulsing headache so bad I could hardly see to dial your number! . . . You hear a TV set going? Well you see, my little brother is watching this movie of the poor man who was convicted of robbery when really his best friend and partner framed him . . .

Is it good? Oh yes, it's very—oh! there goes that pain again. I tried to do my assignment. I got through two questions. . .

How did I do it? Why it was not easy. With each stroke of my pencil I said to myself "You must do it for Mr. Ruck. He is very kind and understanding!" "But then I thought surely if he is so kind and understanding, he'll excuse you just this once." Oh dear, the poor man just shot a guard and escaped!

What Mr. Ruck? You've had these headaches too. During exam week at college? That's very odd! Almost as odd as Mr. Grigg's idea of a perfect lunch . . . Hasn't he ever told you? Well, he likes kosher dill pickles, with a slice of ham that thick and . . . oh, about ½ inch thick — a crisp slice of lettuce. Doesn't that sound like a funny sandwich? . . . What makes it odd? Why, heavens he eats butter on it! But really Mr. Ruck, couldn't we arrange to by-pass this assignment . . . We can?

What? Make-up for this assignment is a summary? . . . Over four chapters?? Huh, what do you know my head isn't nearly so bad. I guess I can struggle through after all. Good Bye, Mr. Ruck — oh, Mr. Ruck, the partner confessed and the guard didn't die. I guess everyone is happy, huh?

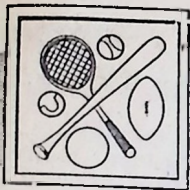
Do you recognize the Phantom Voice? It is the voice of a well known student. Watch for the Phantom Voice in succeeding issues.

The Poet's Corner

Down by the river

Down by a river or a rippling stream,
 Is where I love to sit and dream,
 To dream of the sky, the grass, and trees,
 Of birds, and flowers, and honey bees.
 Down by the river in the late evening sun,
 Where crickets sing, and rabbits run;
 Down by the river in the morning dew,
 Is where I sit and dream of you

by Larry Blunt



SPORTS

PHOENIX WHIPS HENLEY IN THRILLER

Phoenix beat Henley 7 to 0 Friday, Sept. 24. Delmar Brood made a spectacular 60 yard run with five minutes left to play in the game, and kicked the extra point to make the only score of the game.

Phoenix held many Henley attacks on the Phoenix goal and in the fourth quarter Phoenix kept Henley from scoring on the half yard line. The Phoenix Pirates, averaging a weight of about 145 pounds, were greatly outweighed by the Henley team.

Willie Garner put on an outstanding performance in backing the line on defense. Don Blankenship also turned in a fine job in the backfield along with Roger Puhl's good work at center.

With the Seniors

by Eleanor Waldron

A senior class meeting was held Monday, September 20. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers. The meeting was called to order by outgoing president, Willie Garner. As the meeting began, new officers were elected as follows:

Tom Griffiths, president; Fred Oldham, vice-president; Nancy Hammers, secretary-treasurer; Bill Goddard, sergeant of arms; and Bob Webster, class representative.

Following the election there was new business. The freshman initiation was discussed and a committee was organized. Further plans are to be made.

Other new business was a discussion concerning senior class pictures. Seniors had their class pictures taken, September 27.

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PIRATES STOP ROGUE RIVER TEAM

In a closely fought game at Rogue River, the Phoenix Pirates, again showing great defensive strength, finally reached pay dirt in the fourth quarter and kicked the extra point to win 7 to 0 from the strong Rogue River eleven.

Noticeably lacking in reserve strength but getting determined support from coming line-men Jerry Nye, Bud Hopper, and Ray Dahl, and from back Johnny Garner especially on defense, the Phoenix veterans remaining from last year got the help they need to win the game.

You Should Know

Woods are fun whether one hunts, takes pack trips, or merely goes for enjoyable walks or picnics.

Our woods are places where men and women of all ages can relax and have fun; that is if you plan properly. And don't be too ambitious to play Daniel Boone and go scouting around in unknown areas. Boys might get by with this, for most boys are born scouts.

You should know how to dress. The male specimen are practical enough to wear the right clothes. But girls have different ideas. If you don't dress properly; your hike or picnic might prove to be very discomforting and show up in bruises. Thus girls, don't wear shorts, unsturdy sandals and backless blouses. Since it is hunting season, we advise you to wear something red.

Take care of your feet. They are your means of transportation, so be good to them.

By all means, don't forget the food. Whoever heard of boys without food or food without boys! You need it for nourishment and energy. This is a time you can take all that chocolate and cake you've been drooling for since the diet started. After all, you'll lose those extra pounds by the time you reach home.

Oh girls! Don't pack up with cosmetics and useless glamour gimmicks; travel light. The boys will carry the weight. — FOOD.

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Sparked by veteran backs Korth and Cocks behind a green but fast changing line, the Phoenix Pirates tipped over a heavier Jacksonville team for the first win of the season 26 to 0.

The well coached Pirates stubbornly defended their own goal on several Jacksonville threats. Good runs by Delmar Brood and Don Blankenship set up touchdown plays.

Roger Puhl, veteran center did a whale of a job at that position.

The entire Phoenix team fought hard and blocked and tackled viciously.

With the Juniors

by Lois Bradley

The junior class met Monday, September 20, and elected officers for the oncoming year. The very capable officers elected were as follows:

Ray Dahl, president; Dorothy Good, vice-president; Sheyla Thompson, secretary-treasurer; Charles Wall, sergeant at arms; Bill Madden, class representative.

As usual, the juniors will sell candy in the hall during lunch hour to help pay for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet at the close of the school year. They also sell candy and soda pop at all home games.

The Fish I Caught

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Society...

Myrna Turnbaugh, former graduate of Phoenix High, became the bride of Jim Bradley June 15 in rites held at the Phoenix Presbyterian Church. They are now at home in Idaho.

Betty Hopper became Mrs. Harold Wheatley in a ceremony held Sunday, September 26, at the Phoenix Presbyterian Church. They are planning to make their home at Myrtle Point, Oregon, after a month's honeymoon.

Fredena Swift became engaged to Noble Day July 18. A June wedding is planned. Fredena is a junior this year.

Keith Thompson became engaged to Barbara Ann Walker August 7. Keith is a former graduate of Phoenix and both he and his fiancée are attending Oregon Technical Institute.

Congratulations to Wayne and Beth Hite on the birth of a baby boy, Ralph Lane, born July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Hite are former graduates of Phoenix High.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schmelzer are the parents of a son, Kim, born July 20. Both are former students of Phoenix and Mrs. Schmelzer is the former Barbara Cox.

Popular seniors, Ronald Bean and Mary Ingram announced their engagement recently. No date has been set for the wedding.

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See America First

Mrs. Sims took an extended trip East this summer. She traveled by bus, was gone 17 days and covered 7,000 miles.

She visited many historic and interesting places on her journey such as Mt. Vernon, Arlington, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and Lincoln Tunnel which runs under the Hudson River.

She also visited the White House. However, the President wasn't in. She sailed down the Potomac. George Washington never had it so good! Seriously, Mrs. Sims said that seeing America first hand was a very thrilling experience.

She, of course, visited the Statue of Liberty and climbed to her head. She rode up 10 floors on an elevator and climbed the remaining 12 floors. (which were made up of exactly 168 steps).

One of the most interesting things to Mrs. Sims was the bus terminal in Chicago. She said that you approach the terminal in an underground tunnel. Unlike all other terminals she visited, the main floor of the Chicago terminal was quiet and relaxing. Soft music was played which created a very peaceful atmosphere.

While in New York she saw a Cinerama production. It was not a story but more or less a production of various travels and experiences. She liked it very much.

Mrs. Sims concluded by saying that it was a wonderful trip and that "America means more to me after my trip."

Fashion Hints

by Iris Frazier

Hi gals. Here's the latest word on fashion. The spot-light for fall seems to have fallen on tweed. The fabric is easy to care can be matched with many colors of sweaters and blouses, and is well within the budget of any girl.

Dark colors seem to have found a place in the fall styles also.

A new idea in the line of jewelry is gold plated beads on a chain set three or four lengths apart.

Many girls are donning jersey blouses in very becoming pastel colors.

Well that's all for now, be seeing you next month.

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With the Sophomores

By Charlotte Stovall

The recent sophomore election of class officers gave the boys the two top offices and the girls the remaining three. Our officers should have all the support the class can give them. We wish them luck for the whole year.

The officers for the 1954-55 year are:

President, Llewellyn Witte.

Vice president, Perry Sneed.

Secretary, Iris Frazier.

Treasurer, Barbara Blankenship.

Class Representative, Betty Cook.

The enrollment of the sophomore class is steadily increasing. For suddenly we find Jackie Beatty and Dale Walters of Medford Jr. High; Lettie Ann Diedrich of Chester, California; Danny Lovett of Shasta, California; Truman Milton of La Junta, Colorado, and Marilyn Grennan of Washington.

We welcome them all to Phoenix and welcome back Vanita Cummings and Don McCarty.

Two weeks after the beginning of school Alicia Abbott arrived on the scene, September 27, to resume her study of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

If anyone sees any of the sophomore girls limping around or acting queer don't be alarmed; it's just that they've been doing some bend-over and curl-up exercises to get rid of some of the accumulated kinks.

By the way, has anyone seen Dorothy Westfall, Whitey Blankenship, Janice Shults, or Lois Cunningham anywhere? It seems that they all must have moved.

You sophomores that take typing will understand when it is said that Robert Clower has wide-open spaces between his words and just can't seem to get those q, a, s, and x fingers to working right yet. But don't give up hope, Bob, you'll get in the "hot rod races" yet.

FINE FEATHERS MAKE FINE BIRDS

The boys, like the male of the feathered species, have been appearing in handsome and bright colored attire. David Dahl, Ray Dahl, Ronald Bean, Roger Puhl, David Seitzinger, Don Wallace, and Ron Daughtry have brightened the classrooms with shirts in one of the newest colors for men — pink. Bob Clower and Larry Blunt made a striking twosome in their American beauty corduroy shirts. (In case you didn't know boys, American beauty is a particularly lovely shade of red.) Earl Dillree was a singular and striking figure in his luscious lavender shirt. One of the cutest shirts, a yellow short sleeved sport shirt with a fisherman on the pocket and a fish on the collar, was seen on Coach Woodward. Mr. Consbruck was a dashing figure in his sienna corduroy coat.

Three Teachers New at Phoenix

Phoenix is proud to have three new teachers on the teaching staff this year. They are Mr. Larson who is replacing Mr. Hassman, Mr. Consbruck who is replacing Mr. Backes, and Mr. Ruck who is replacing Mr. Shepard.

Mr. Larson has been teaching school for nineteen years. He has taught in Prospect, Butte Falls, Sams Valley, Applegate, Amity, and Phoenix, all in Oregon. He teaches English I, general science, and biology. He graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. Mr. Larson is married and has three children, one boy and two girls. When asked what he thought of P.H.S. he replied, "I like Phoenix very well!"

Mr. Consbruck has been teaching for eighteen years. He has taught at Nelson, Superior, and Bayard, Nebraska, Gillette, Wyoming, and Phoenix. He teaches U. S. history, world history, world geography, 11th P.E.; he is also assistant coach. Mr. Consbruck received his A. B. degree at Hastings College in Nebraska and his M. A. degree at Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado. Mr. Consbruck is married and has two boys.

Mr. Ruck has been teaching school for five years. He has victims at Central Point Jr High, Crater High, and Phoenix. He teaches social economics, senior English, and he is vice-principal of P. H. S. He received his B. S. degree at Southern Oregon College, and his M. Ed. degree at the University of Oregon. Mr. Ruck is married and has three children, one girl and two boys. He was most eager to tell this reporter, "I'm very happy to be back at Phoenix."

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Mr. Jim Perry is the instructor again this year. Mr. Perry said, "I have a very good group of students, and I expect to do wonders with them."

The students are handicapped now because they are using an older car, but they expect to get their new '55 Chevrolet next month.

Typists Receive Certificates

At the end of the last school year fourteen students from Phoenix High School went to Ashland to take the N.O.M.A. National Business Entrance Tests. Several girls received certificates stating their proficiency in the typing tests.

The girls who received typing certificates were Joyce Bildeback, Raydene Chisum, Darline Bradshaw, Shirley Clower, Shirley Keplinger, Marie Mitchell, Cloetta Small and Janice Stevens.

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